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## Defector Says She Had Access to NATO Secrets

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EAST BERLIN, April 29 — A Belgian secretary for NATO who defected three weeks ago told East German television tonight that she had had access to the North Atlantic alliance's most secret papers.

Imelda Verrept, who fled to East Germany on April 8, told an interviewer that she handled documents from NATO's nuclear planning group, defense policy committee and political section. She said she typed December's NATO decision, marked secret, to update its European-based nuclear missile force.

Verrept said she also saw documents on waging nuclear, biological and chemical warfare, and on the East-West talks on the balanced reduction of forces in Europe.

After Verrept defected, NATO headquarters in Brussels said that she had no access to high-level classified information.